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Mrs Haines

Dear Madam: Your very kind letter of the 21st ult. was duly received but owing to other pressing duties could not be answered sooner

I must say that I was very agreeably surprised on learning of the organization of your dor. For while my faith was not sufficient to lead me to anticipate such a movement on the part of the ladies of the church I have longed for something of the kind for years The efficiency of the woman's foreign board has convinced me that if the many devoted ladies who have expressed to me their special interest in the home work could be similarly organized that much might be accomplished The forces will not only thus be consolidated but each individual will certainly be encouraged and stimulated to greater efforts We who stand on the outposts know the depression that a feeling of isolation produces upon the mind How we almost fear sometimes that

we are forgotten and question within ourselves what can our feeble aggressions against these strongly intrenched systems of iniquity effect

Your letter coming to me as it did when my soul was cast down within me - when I only seemed to see dark clouds gathering overhead was indeed "good news from a far country" I have wondered sometimes what was contained in that answer of our Lord to the disciples who said "Lo we have left all to follow thee" Myfeelings as I attempt to respond to your society asked a clearer light on the words Surely the bond that binds us together in the great family of God's redeemed must be stronger as it shall be more enduring than any mere earthly tie Yes I am assured of it though a pang of homesickness strikes through my heart and the tears blind my eyes at the thought of my dear earthly home What a blessed privilege to labor together and to encourage one another in this blessed work

At our recent presbytery held at Manti we appointed (a committee) to correspond with you with regard to the advisability of an organization among us to cooperate with you Especially in a field like Utah where we have no christian organization (if I except our school and bible dept) does it seem as if something of this kind would bring us into more immediate sympathy

With earnest wishes and prayers for your success and a sincere desire to hear from you soon again I am yours truly M. E. Welsh

An Appeal from the Presbyt

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Miss M. E. Welsh - teacher -
Malad City - Idaho
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An Appeal from the Presbytery of Utah.

Synod Colorado -

To the Officers and Members of Presbyterian Churches.

Dear Brethren:—We have now come to a point in our Missionary work in Utah where further progress must cease, or else we must have immediate aid from the Church at large in securing Mission Chapels for church and school purposes. So important did the last General Assembly consider this work that it took special action on the subject by adopting the following recommendation: "And this Assembly also hereby recommend those Churches specially interested in Home Missionary work among the Mormons, New Mexicans and Indians, to send to the Board of Church Erection special contributions for the purpose of securing Mission Chapels among these needy people." (Minutes of Assembly p. 110.)

From this you will see that the General assembly endorses the raising of special funds for this particular purpose. And the officers of the Board of Church Erection say that they will use the funds so raised in accordance with the wishes of the contributors.

Now, as a Presbytery, we ask your earnest consideration of the following facts and figures: From the prejudices and peculiar religious belief of the Mormons, the Missionary work required in this Territory is similar to that required in a foreign field. We are in the enemy's country and only a small minority among the population are in sympathy with our work. Our Boards of Home Missions and Church Erection, owing to the nature of their charters, cannot aid us in the erection of Mission Chapels (our most pressing need) as is done by the Foreign Board for the fields under its care. The urgent calls and promising openings on all sides have obliged us to enlarge the bounds of our work. There is now presented to us the rare opportunity of laying the foundations for future Christian churches and a Christian commonwealth by gathering the Mormon children into our Day and Sabbath schools, there to be trained mentally and morally for citizenship both on earth and in heaven.

About 100,000 Mormons control the affairs of this Territory, and they throw every obstacle in the path of Christian Missions. Hence it is indispensable that the Church should own the buildings occupied by its missionaries. Heretofore, *the expense of renting, purchasing* and *repairing Mission buildings, has come*, for *the most part, from the pocket* of the *Missionary*, thereby reducing his meagre salary to a basis of actual want.

Hear a few sad facts on this point: During the past three years, the Missionary at Mount Pleasant has paid out of his own pocket, for this purpose, more than $600. During this past year, for the same purpose, the Missionary at Springville has expended over $300; the Missionary at American Fork over $200; the Missionary at Brigham City over $400. All these items, except the first, refer to expenditures during the past year. In addition, the Missionaries at Ogden and Logan have been paying, out of their salaries, at the rate of nearly $200 a year each, for the rent of buildings for church and school purposes. The result is, that this arbitrary tax upon the meager salaries of these men has left most of them sorely embarrassed by personal debt. It cannot be said that the expense was optional, for the buildings were a positive necessity, unless each field was to be abandoned.

Now, brethren of the church at large, is it just to put upon this advance guard of the Presbyterian army, who are engaged here at the front in a close contest with a terrible foe, the further burden of renting, repairing and purchasing buildings? Or shall they receive prompt and efficient re-enforcement from the resources of the great reserve force of the whole Church? We feel that you are more than ready to aid us as soon as you receive definite information as to our urgent needs.

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To give confidence to our friends and well-wishers; to show the Mormon priesthood that we have come to stay, we need Chapels to serve as religious homes for the pupils, the Sabbath School scholars and the congregations willing to come under our influences, as is shown by the fact that during the past year three Presbyterian churches have been organized in almost exclusively Mormon communities.

A certain amount of aid will be given by some of the stations, but it will be mainly in labor and building material, and altogether insufficient to build chapels costing from $1,000 to $1,500. Therefore we appeal to the churches for aid. We ask them, in Christ's name, to send to the Board of Church Erection contributions specially designed for any of the following important Mission fields in southern and central Utah:

1. *Manti*—a town of 3,000 inhabitants, under the care of Rev. Joseph S. McMillan. Sabbath School averages 45; Day School 75. People will raise about $500. Needed, to finish chapel, $1,000.

2. *Ephraim*—town of 1,800 inhabitants, under care of Rev. Joseph S. McMillan. Sabbath School averages 35; Day School 20. People will give $300. Needed, to finish chapel, $400.

3. *Springville*—town of 3,000 inhabitants, under care of Rev. Geo. W. Leonard. One of the prettiest and most enterprising towns in Utah. Sabbath School 50; Day School 38. Might have double the number, if there were accommodations. Public services now held in small adobe dwelling house of two rooms, each 11x12 feet. Half the congregation has to be in each room, and this is the only building that can be obtained in the town. The people will contribute $300. Needed, to finish chapel, $1,000.

4. *Pleasant Grove*—town of 1,200 inhabitants, under care of Rev. Geo. R. Bird. Sabbath School 20; Day School 20. Needed, to build small chapel, $500.

5. *American Fork City*—town of 2,000 inhabitants, under care of Rev. Geo. R. Bird. Sabbath School 35. No day school. Chapel erected and in use, size 20x40. Needed, to finish chapel, $300.

The following places are located in northern Utah:

1. *Ogden*—a wide-awake town of 6,000 inhabitants at the junction of four railroads: the Union and Central Pacific, the Utah Northern, and the Utah Central. It is under the care of Rev. Geo. W. Gallagher. Sabbath School 50; Day School 20. Services now held in a second-story hall—very inconvenient, and rented at $200 per annum, mostly paid for by the Missionary. Needed, to build suitable chapel for this important point, including purchase of lot, $2,200.

2. *Brigham City*—town of 3,000, under care of Rev. S. L. Gillespie. Building and lot already bought. Needed, to extinguish debt and complete needed repairs, $740.

3. *Logan*—a thriving town of 4,000, under care of Rev. Calvin M. Parks. Sabbath School 42; Day School 20. Public services now held in a rough store room, rented for $200 per annum, which comes out of the Missionary's pocket. Needed, for lot and chapel, $2,000.

4. *Malad City*—town of 1,500, just across the line in Idaho, under care of Rev. E. P. Welsh. Sabbath School 50; Day School 40. Needed, for lot and chapel, $1,400.

These are our urgent needs, and unless the Church at large can give us aid, not only must the further progress of our work be stopped, but we fear that in some places it will have to be abandoned. Especially would we ask the co-operation of the Christian women of the country in our moral conflict with Mormonism—a system so inherently degrading to all womanhood. Let contributions be sent to the Board of Church Erection, 23 Centre St., New York, or to the Board of Home Missions, if local Societies so prefer.

With earnest prayer to God, this Presbytery sends forth its Appeal to the churches in the name of a common Savior, assured that those who "sow in tears shall reap in joy."

D. J. McMILLAN,
Moderator.

ROBT. G. McNIECE,
Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Utah.

AMERICAN FORK, UTAH, Sept 9th, 1878.

repeat the answer in concert occupying about 2 ms. each morning until all are familiar with it These two formulas strike deadly blows at Mormon theology I endeavor to explain the meaning and there is a a charm in the concert of voices I yesterday overheard some children who attend neither our day nor S. School repeating "The only redeemer of Gods elect is the Lord Jesus Christ &c." At noon just before dismissing we repeat a scripture text in concert A little boy in my infant S.S. class told me a few days ago that he remembered one verse yet that I taught him more than a yr. ago — "There is not a word in my tongue but &c." Profanity and obscenity are two of the flagrant sins of the community but I have never had occasion to reprove him for faults of this character

I have sent yr. reports regularly to the Board with statistics of our schools. Yours truly M. E. Welsh

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Malad City I. T.
May 13th 1880

Mrs. Haines,

Dear Madam: I am very happy to respond to your letter of Apr. 28th. This remote station has seemed to be almost forgotten.

The past year has been one of peculiar trial and discouragement. My school was suspended several months, on account of our inability to obtain a room. I am now teaching in my own room. I have 21 pupils enrolled. Attendance is much more regular and punctual than heretofore.

The scarlet fever, diphtheria and measles have

prevailed and prevented the attendance of some
The past winter has been unusually severe here
and in this valley the drouth during the preceding
summer and the ravages of the grasshoppers
did so much injury to the crops and pastures that the
people have been greatly reduced in circumstances
The early snow fall rendering transportation by
freight wagons difficult and expensive and
the procuring of wood from the canyons impos-
sible many have endured great privations
In consequence I have felt it necessary to
ask a much lower rate of tuition than your teach-
ers do in other parts of this field If I succeed in
collecting all promised I shall barely make the
expenses of the school My pupils are all
under the age of fifteen - most of them quite small.
Some of them are members of my S.S. class.
The progress they make and their deportment is
on the main satisfactory and encouraging
I aim to teach religion and morals constantly in
my intercourse with them I open the school
by singing reading a short passage from the bible
then repeating with the school the Lords prayer in concert,
after which I offer a short simple prayer for our Fathers
help and care, endeavoring to bring my language down
to the capacity of the youngest. A few of our pu-
pils are committing the childs and shorter catechisms
in our S.S. But to fix important truths in the minds
of those unable to commit from a text book I have
adopted the plan of selecting some question as for
instance What is God? Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?
on each Mon. morning and requiring the school to

General Laurel re-
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wrongs he endured -
I have attempted to
solve the difficulty by
preparing my report
to the Secretaries and
forwarding it through
you.

In answer to your inqui-
ries permit me to state that
my home was formerly in
Ohio and that I had been
living with a married sister
and niece in Columbus
Grove some time before
coming here

Yours truly
M. C. Welsh

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Malad City, Idaho
1880 – July 10th.

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Malad City, I.T.
July 10th 1880

Mrs. F. E. H. Haines

Dear sister: your
kind letter accompany-
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was duly received
As you spoke of meet-
ing Mr. Haines at the
assembly I did not think
it necessary
immediately
have done so
my time outside of my school
duties has been so entirely oc-
cupied

I have endeavored to give
as much time as possible
to visiting the parents of

both Sab. school & day scholars. The encouragement I have met with heretofore me wish that I could do more in this part of my work.

The necessity of having the school in my own house made the work more than doubly hard since to me both has been committed the labors and responsibilities here. I have had additional duties and cares. I have however some new encouragements in my work.

The opposition of certain parties whose self interest seems to demand that your teacher should be withdrawn continues but has resulted in strengthening more expressions of friendship and attachment from others. Should the church building here be delayed another year as now seems probable will the rent for a school room be allowed. I can rent a room for about $10 per month provided I am not delayed until it has been secured by competitors. The only furniture however is one fine table and a number of benches without backs to them. I would have to provide writing desks, blackboards, maps and indeed everything else necessary.

I enclose with this the blanks such as were formerly sent me. Reports and indeed any information as to whether any reports should be addressed to the Secretary of the

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Malad C. T.
Oct 1st 1880

Mrs Spencer

Dear Madam: I wrote a hasty note on receiving your kind offer to send a Sunbeam for me. I had hoped to write again before this but my school with other duties connected with it have taken so much of my time that as yet I have not accomplished all that I had hoped to do with great personal effort I have succeeded in getting a good school I have now 30 enrolled and a present average attendance of about 25 They pupils are generally from the best families in the place some

pression and arose accordingly

I went immediately to engage the room but the proprietor asked to wait until the first of the month agreeing to rent them for $10 per month if I would get no other place I have seen my school in his hall It is large but we need more furniture such maps, charts and apparatus

But if we build up a Presbyterian school as I think I have now a prospect of doing we must have some permanent arrangement I trust I may be by you & your earnest support and prayers by the aid of divine help be able to do all possible for these dear children

Yours truly
Jno. C. Welsh

N.B. I.D. att. very good